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To amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURTON of Indiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case of consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Paper-
5 work Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL PA-**
2 **PERWORK REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE DIRECTOR
4 OF OMB.—Section 3504(c) of chapter 35 of title 44,
5 United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Paper-
6 work Reduction Act”), is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “; and” and
8 inserting a semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (5), by striking the period and
10 inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraphs:

13 “(6) publish in the Federal Register on an an-
14 nual basis a list of the requirements applicable to
15 small-business concerns (within the meaning of sec-
16 tion 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et
17 seq.)) with respect to collection of information by
18 agencies, organized by North American Industrial
19 Classification System code and industrial/sector de-
20 scription (as published by the Office of Management
21 and Budget), with the first such publication occur-
22 ring not later than one year after the date of the en-
23 actment of the Small Business Paperwork Relief
24 Act; and

25 “(7) make available on the Internet, not later
26 than one year after the date of the enactment of

1 such Act, the list of requirements described in para-
2 graph (6).”.

3 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF AGENCY POINT OF CON-
4 TACT.—Section 3506 of such chapter 35 is amended by
5 adding at the end the following new subsection:

6 “(i) In addition to the requirements described in sub-
7 section (c), each agency shall, with respect to the collection
8 of information and the control of paperwork, establish one
9 point of contact in the agency to act as a liaison between
10 the agency and small-business concerns (within the mean-
11 ing of section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631
12 et seq.)).”.

13 (c) ADDITIONAL REDUCTION OF PAPERWORK FOR
14 CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESSES.—Section 3506(c) of such
15 chapter is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “; and”
17 and inserting a semicolon;

18 (2) in paragraph (3)(J), by striking the period
19 and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(4) in addition to the requirements of this Act
23 regarding the reduction of paperwork for small-busi-
24 ness concerns (within the meaning of section 3 of
25 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.)),

1 make efforts to further reduce the paperwork burden
2 for small-business concerns with fewer than 25 em-
3 ployees.”.

4 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE TO STUDY**
5 **STREAMLINING OF PAPERWORK REQUIRE-**
6 **MENTS FOR SMALL-BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United
8 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end of
9 subchapter I the following new section:

10 **“§ 3521. Establishment of task force on feasibility of**
11 **streamlining information collection re-**
12 **quirements**

13 “(a) There is hereby established a task force to study
14 the feasibility of streamlining requirements with respect
15 to small-business concerns regarding collection of informa-
16 tion (in this section referred to as the ‘task force’).

17 “(b) The members of the task force shall be ap-
18 pointed by the Director, and shall include the following:

19 “(1) At least two representatives of the Depart-
20 ment of Labor, including one representative of the
21 Bureau of Labor Statistics and one representative of
22 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

23 “(2) At least one representative of the Environ-
24 mental Protection Agency.

1 “(3) At least one representative of the Depart-
2 ment of Transportation.

3 “(4) At least one representative of the Office of
4 Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

5 “(5) At least one representative of each of two
6 agencies other than the Department of Labor, the
7 Environmental Protection Agency, the Department
8 of Transportation, and the Small Business Adminis-
9 tration.

10 “(6) At least two representatives of the Depart-
11 ment of Health and Human Services, including one
12 representative of the Health Care Financing Admin-
13 istration.

14 “(c) The task force shall examine the feasibility of
15 requiring each agency to consolidate requirements regard-
16 ing collections of information with respect to small-busi-
17 ness concerns, in order that each small-business concern
18 may submit all information required by the agency—

19 “(1) to one point of contact in the agency;

20 “(2) in a single format, or using a single elec-
21 tronic reporting system, with respect to the agency;
22 and

23 “(3) on the same date.

24 “(d) Not later than one year after the date of the
25 enactment of the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act,

1 the task force shall submit a report of its findings under
 2 subsection (c) to the chairmen and ranking minority mem-
 3 bers of the Committee on Government Reform and the
 4 Committee on Small Business of the House of Representa-
 5 tives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs and the
 6 Committee on Small Business of the Senate.

7 “(e) As used in this section, the term ‘small-business
 8 concern’ has the meaning given that term under section
 9 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.).”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 11 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended by in-
 12 serting after the item relating to section 3520 the fol-
 13 lowing new item:

“3521. Establishment of task force on feasibility of streamlining information
 collection requirements.”.

